



# The Mission Trail

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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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## “Train up a Child”

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Good morning, friends. It is a pleasure to be coming your way once again over the airwaves. We hope today finds each of you encouraged and pressing on in the ways of the Lord for surely it is a pressing way. There is one verse of scripture which says, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

We are living in a time when there are many problems. I am sure there were problems in this world before we came and there will be plenty of them when we leave here. However, I hope that we may through the grace of God, contribute something that will be a help to those around us in solving their problems. Many of us are aware of some of the difficulties faced by the younger generation and may I say right here before I go any further that I am particularly concerned about the young people. They have plenty of problems, some of them for which they were not all together responsible. Some of these problems were handed down to them from the past generation. So they need special help and encouragement. When we see so much disorder, riots, and civil disobedience, I am made to believe that somebody, somewhere has failed to do their duty. Do you remember the old expression which says, "A stitch in time saves nine"? I believe that if more teaching, instruction, and discipline had been invested in the youth of our land, we would not be required to gather such a vast harvest of disturbance. Now someone may think,

"Just what are you getting at?" Well, let me come directly to the point. Listen to this scripture from Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Friends, do you believe that? This is a statement of fact and is not hard to understand, so when we see the reckless manner in which some of the youth of our land is living I am made to believe that some parents somewhere have failed to do their duty. Delinquent children are often the result of delinquent parents.

Here is something which I believe will prove interesting. It will give us a greater insight into how folks lived many years ago in the 1700's and the manner in which they taught their children. Even though we have more light on the truth in these days, it might be well for us to remember how they trained their children and take a lesson from it. Now, this mother of 19 children who lived in England had plenty of experience, and two of her sons were preachers. Here, then, is some of her letter to one of her sons telling him how she trained her family.

"July 24, 1732. . . Dear Son, According to your desire, I have collected the principal rules I observed in educating my family; which I now send you as they occurred to my mind, and you may (if you think they can be of use to any) dispose of them in what order you please.

"The children were always put into a regular method of living, in such things as they were capable of, from their birth; as in dressing, undressing, changing their linen, and so on. The first quarter commonly passes in sleep. After that, they were, if possible, laid into their cradles awake and rocked to sleep; and so they were kept rocking till it was time for them to awake. This was done to bring them to a regular course of sleeping, which at first was three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon; afterward two hours, till they needed none at all.

"When turned a year old (and somebefore), they were taught to fear the rod and to cry softly; by which means they escaped abundance of correction they might otherwise have had; and that most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house, but the family usually lived in as much quietness as if there had not been a child among them.

"As soon as they were grown pretty strong, they were confined to three meals a day. At dinner their little table and chairs were set by ours, where they could be observed; and they were suffered to eat and drink as much as they would but not to call for anything. If they wanted aught, they used to whisper to the maid which attended them, who came and spoke to me; and as soon as they could handle a knife and

fork, they were set to our table. They were never suffered to chose their meat, but always made to eat such things as were provided for the family.

"Mornings they had always spoon-meat; sometimes at nights. But whatever they had, they were never permitted to eat, at those meals, of more than one thing; and of that sparingly enough. Drinking and eating between meals was never allowed, unless in case of sickness, which seldom happened. Nor were they suffered to go into the kitchen to ask anything of the servants, when they were at meat; if it was known they did, they were certainly beaten, and the servants severely reprimanded.

"At six, as soon as family prayers were over, they had their supper; at seven, the maid washed them; and, beginning at the youngest, she undressed and got them all to bed by eight, at which time she left them in their several rooms awake; for there was no such thing allowed of in our house as sitting by a child till it fell asleep. . .

"In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will and bring them to an obedient temper. To inform the understanding is a work of time and must with children proceed by slow degrees as they are able to bear it: but the subjecting the will is a thing which must be done at once; and the sooner the better. For by neglecting timely correction, they will contract a stubbornness and obstinacy which is hardly ever after conquered; and never, without using such severity as would be as painful to me as to the child. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent, whom I call cruel, parents, who permit their children to get habits which they know must be

afterward broken. Nay, some are so stupidly fond as in sport to teach their children to do things which, in a while after, they have severely beaten them for doing.

"Whenever a child is corrected, it must be conquered; and this will be no hard matter to do if it be not grown headstrong by too much indulgence. And when the will of a child is totally subdued and it is brought to revere and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies and inadvertences may be passed by. . .

"I insist upon conquering the will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education; without which both precept and example will be ineffectual. But when this is thoroughly done, then a child is capable of being governed by the reason and piety of its parents, till its own understanding comes to maturity and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind.

"I cannot yet dismiss this subject. As self-will is the root of all sin and misery, so whatever cherishes this in children insures their after-wretchedness and irreligion; whatever checks and mortifies it promotes their future happiness and piety. This is still more evident if we further consider that religion is nothing else than the doing the will of God and not our own: that the one grand impediment to our temporal and eternal happiness being this self-will, no indulgences of it can be trivial, no denial unprofitable. Heaven or hell depends on this alone. So that the parent who studies to subdue it in his child works together with God in the renewing and saving a soul. The parent who indulges it does the devil's work, makes religion impractic-

able, salvation unattainable, and does all that in him lies to damn his child, soul and body forever."

Now, what do you think of that for disciplinary action as taken by a mother of 19 children in the 18th century. I am afraid that most boys and girls would feel they were being really suppressed if brought into subjection in that manner, wouldn't you? Well, I am not really advocating that they be handled in the same manner, but I do say she had some points well worth remembering and she let it be known that children should be brought into subjection to their parents. Remember the text. It says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Let us pray. Our Father, bless the message to the hearts of each and every listener. May grace, wisdom, and peace be imparted to each one who hears this broadcast. Help us not to forget the instructions left in your word, but may we teach them to our children with diligence and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friends, if you have any comments about this message, let us hear from you. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We are trusting the Lord by faith to keep his word going forth on the air so long as it is His will. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings abide with each of you and a very cheerful goodbye!

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#### CHASTENING

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

## Testimonies

From OK: "We send you greetings of love and prayers in Jesus dear name. We trust you dear ones are well and still enjoying your labour of love for the Lord. May God bless you dear ones for your faithfulness in sending out the message of salvation by page and radio. We wish we could hear your voice over the radio. We enjoy the Mission Trail especially your good messages. They are always so encouraging."

--Bro. and Sis. H. P. Huskey

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From LA: "God sure has blessed me since I wrote to you for prayer, but my eyes are in a bad shape now. The balls of my eyes are red and affected. They have been giving me trouble for a while. I know God can heal them. Just pray and ask the Christian people to pray for me."

--Sis. Beulah Johnson

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From OK: "I am so thankful to report that I am feeling better and trust I can keep on feeling this good. The Lord is so wonderful to us, doing so many things for us each day."

--Sis. Floy Woolery

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From AR: "Thanks to you folks for the Mission Trail. It's so good to read; trust you folks are well. My husband had his right foot and part of his leg taken off. It healed up good, but the other foot is bothering him. I'm not well at all but trying to care for him so please pray for us; also my family. Yours in Christian love,"- Pearl Steele

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From KS: "We appreciate so much the work of God and His children. It's so little that we can give to help. We just pray He will multiply our small crumb till all needs will be met. We covet your prayers. Yours in Him,"

--Sis. Lavina Martens

From KS: "Greeting this fourth in the dear Savior's name. I have just been thinking why do sinful people indulge in such deep sin on a holiday. I'm so glad that God loved us so much that he saved our soul from sin and helps us walk that straight and narrow way. I hear people say live the best you can. That is their way of escape, just be careful and don't pen it down too straight. . . Just keep encouraged and keep the rest of us encouraged as you labor for God."--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From OK: "Greetings in Jesus Christ our Savior. I got the Mission Trail and was happy to receive it. I love to read it. May the rich blessings from Heaven be with your labor of love. Jesus in St. John 17:17 prays, 'Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.' So I love to hear and read the truth, God's word. Pray for us."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From AR: "Thanks for the calendar, also the Mission Trail which I really enjoy. The calendar is now turned to July, 'the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.' A little offering enclosed. 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.' Psa. 107:1. Thanks for your prayers."

--Sis. Vera Dotson

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From NM: "Greetings of love in the dear precious name of Jesus. We are having some rain at nights, but beautiful in the day. We are thankful for the rain, also I am better each day and praise the dear Lord. I am still staying by myself most of the time, just so thankful I can. We have clouds come up at nights, then beautiful in the day time."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

From OK: "The Lord is good to us. We do thank Him for all His blessings. During the Guthrie meeting, two of our boys were sick. We didn't get to attend any of the meeting, but we were so thankful the rest of us didn't get whatever they had been sick with. We think of the Mission Trail Broadcast and paper often. We pray the Lord will bless this work."

--Marvin and Colleen Probst

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From OK: "Well, summer is here now for sure, but the grass won't grow so fast in this hot weather, which means less mowing. The Lord is so good to us tho. I'm so thankful He has given me a home and yard. We live here together and I try to live for Him and please Him. Thank you for your prayers, hope you have a real good week coming up."

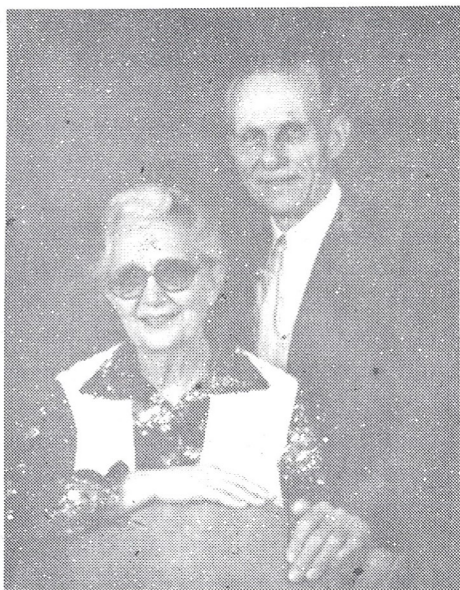
--Sis. Irene Thurston

#### THE JOURNEY OF LIFE!

There is no journey of life but has its clouded days; and there are some days in which our eyes are so blinded with tears that we find it hard to see our way. Those days that have a bright sunrise followed by sudden thunderclaps and bursts of unlooked-for-sorrows are the ones that test certain of our graces the most severely. Yet the law of spiritual eyesight very closely resembles the law of physical optics. When we come suddenly out of the daylight into a room even moderately darkened we can discern nothing; but the pupil of our eye gradually enlarges until unseen objects become visible. So the pupil of the eye of faith has the blessed faculty of enlarging in dark hours of bereavement so that we discover our Father's hand holds the cup of trial and the glory shines through.



*But they that wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength  
they shall mount up  
with wings as eagles  
they shall run and not be weary  
they shall walk and not faint*

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Roy and Virginia Harmon

TRUE LOVE

*True love is the gift which God has  
given*

*To man alone beneath the heaven;  
It is the secret sympathy,  
The silver link, the silken tie  
Which heart to heart and mind to mind,  
In body and in soul can bind.*

The children of Roy and Virginia Harmon of Pea Ridge, Arkansas would like for you to join with us in commemorating the joyous occasion of our parent's Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married August 22, 1935. To make it easier for you to be with us, we will meet on Saturday, August 17, 1985 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. for an open house in the hospitality room at the Pea Ridge Bank in Pea Ridge. As the Lord has blessed them with plenty in their retirement years, they have requested that cards from their friends and loved ones will be sufficient mementoes of the occasion. Please come! There will be a singing at the little chapel that night at 7:00 p.m.

"Greetings this day to you and yours in Jesus name. We trust that you are both well and still of good courage in the way of faith and love. We have no other desire but to live for God and the church, as servants of both in faith and truth, until life's race is run and we come to that final day, when we make our last move from time to eternity. The Lord has been so good to all of mankind to provide a way that none be lost. But as one text tells us 'choose you this day whom ye will serve,' and another 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved', very simple and easy to be understood, thank the Lord. We are both well at this time for which we are thankful; just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you today and trust the Lord will bless and be with you each day . . ." --Roy and Virginia Harmon

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TO MY PARENTS

I have seen my Daddy, on the few  
occasions when

My Mother was gone from their home,  
visiting kin.

Overcome with anxiety, fretful,  
concerned

He paced the floor until such time that  
he learned

Of her return. Only then did he change  
his stance

And treated the windows to a continual  
glance.

He would not leave her; and for fifty  
years

They have shared the expected joys and  
tears.

Oh! the example that they have been  
Of true marital love in this world we  
are in!

Would that more of us will be able to  
say

We've been married fifty years today!

--Mae Harmon

# at press time

we understand:

Ceres, CA--July 12, 1985: "My heart is saddened today, because of the passing of our dear sister Opal Williams. Her husband found her dead in bed yesterday morning about 4:30. As far as they could tell she passed away quietly without a struggle. We will miss her so much but it is a consolation to know she is with the Lord now, and free from all pain. This dear sister had suffered so long. I have never known a more unselfish person. Her love for her family and for the family of God was always uppermost in her conversation. When she got a letter from any of the saints she would call me and joyfully read it to me over the phone. I enjoyed that too. Remember her family in prayer." --Sister Edith Reavis

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The saints and her family suffered a great loss when the Lord called for Sister Dorothy Wilson to "come up higher" on June 30, at the age of 62. Through the years she had given freely of her time and talents to the cause of God. Before her marriage and afterward she worked in helping to spread the truth by the printed page. She stood faithfully by her husband, Bro. Clifford as he preached the truth of the Word from the pulpit. At the time of her death they were pastoring the Four Corners Church of God near Vinita. Remember in prayer her companion, Bro. Clifford, their five children and eight grandchildren, in this time of great sorrow. She left a testimony that she was ready and longing to meet Jesus. Many saints attended funeral July 3.

After many years of service to the Church of God the earthly ministry of Bro. C. C. Carver came to a close on July 13, 1985 while at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla. He and Sister Nellie had attended the West Virginia campmeeting in June. They had also been at the Guthrie meeting earlier that month. Bro. Carver took an outstanding interest in those who were sick and suffering. It was not unusual for him to call daily to inquire of their welfare. He often made long trips to visit an isolated saint or to be at the bedside of one in need of special prayer. Honduras, Nigeria, India and Germany were not beyond the range of his missionary journeys to learn more of scattered saints. How can we ever forget his beaming joy as he sang "What a Kingdom"? In his own special way he would draw out that part "and shall l-a-s-t while the ages shall roll." And now he has slipped beyond our view to join the angels and saints of past ages in that eternal phase of the kingdom of God. Burial was in Oak Grove Church of God cemetery Loranger, Louisiana.

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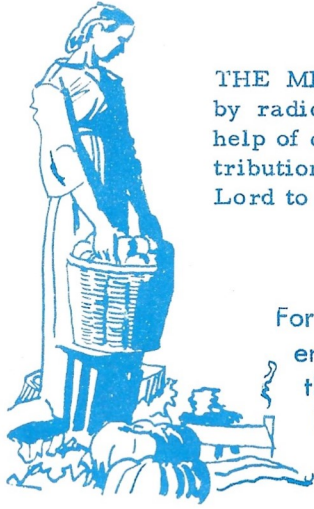
Congratulations to Mancil and Shirley Doolittle on the birth of Anita Loree July 7.

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Congratulations to Paul and Sarita Phillips on the birth of their daughter, Ashley.

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We wish for all happiness, joy and good health in the days ahead!--Bro. Willie



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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